

Kennesaw Youth Council

2016-2017

Application Form

Applications Accepted until July 15, 2016

The Kennesaw Youth Council was established to address and identify the needs of our youth in Kennesaw. The council creates a platform to involve the youth of our city in the creation of a better city, county, state, and nation in which to live and raise families. The City of Kennesaw, under the direction of the Youth Council Liaison, sponsors the Youth Council program. The program focuses on developing leadership skills through interactive participation. The participants meet local, state and national leaders helping to frame their leadership style for the future. The program provides students a chance to meet and learn from each other as they expand their own leadership skills. Our community will reap the benefits from these relationships, as these students ultimately assume leadership positions in the future.

Application Requirements:

1. Currently reside in the city of Kennesaw, Georgia and attend a local cobb area public, private, or alternative high school.
2. Be in good academic and behavioral standing (no discipline issues, suspension or expulsion cases, etc.)
3. Attach an unofficial transcript or latest report card
4. Two (2) Letters of recommendations. These recommendations can be mailed to the address below or emailed to Youth Council Liaison.
5. One (1) letter from parent or guardian as to why they think KYC is important.
6. Complete all forms, including personal information sheet, waiver, commitment form and essay.
7. Program fee must be fulfilled once selected (\$400.00)**
8. Send the completed application by the deadline.

*Please have letters of recommendation filled out by the following persons of your choice: church affiliate (pastor/ministry leader, etc), community leader or official, business owner, person you admire, teacher, or coach.

When completed, please mail application to:

**City of Kennesaw
Office of the City Clerk
Youth Council
2529 J.O Stephenson Avenue,
Kennesaw Ga 30144**

(or dropped off at front desk at City Hall)

All of the received applications will be reviewed by the Youth Council Liaison/ Selection Board designated. Selected candidates will be called for an interview, interview dates and time will be sent out at the appropriate time. Council will be chosen based on academics, career goals, extracurricular activities, community service, leadership attributes, character, essay, and recommendations. Please note that if any one component in the application it will not be accepted.

Complete applications may also be emailed to:

Yvette Daniel, Youth Council Liaison @ ydaniel@kennesaw-ga.gov

Name: _____ DOB: ____/____/____
Age: ____ Gender: ____ M ____ F Current Grade: ____
School: _____ GPA: ____
Home Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: ____
Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Student Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____
E-mail Address: _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Daytime Phone Number: (____) ____ - ____ - ____ Email Address: _____

Essay Questions: Please type and attach essay on separate piece of paper (200 words or less)

1. Why do you aspire to be a member of the Kennesaw Youth Council?
2. Explain future goals/aspirations, including any colleges and careers that you are considering; include why you would choose to attend a certain college and why you would choose any particular field of study.

Please provide the following Information:

Do you have any community service, extracurricular activities, service, church, clubs, or scholastic achievements that you wish to mention?

Do you have any other commitments that might interfere with your attendance at Youth Council meetings?

What do you think are the greatest needs of youth today in the Kennesaw area?

Signature of Applicant _____ Date: _____

All decisions are final and NO appeal may be made. Candidates selected will be notified in writing. Thank you once again for your interest in the Kennesaw City Youth Council. Please feel free to contact the Youth Council Liaison with any concerns that you may have concerning this application process.

Parental Consent: I hereby give my permission for my child, named above, to be considered and to participate in Youth Council activities and events.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____



PARENT/GUARDIAN/ STUDENT COMMITMENT AND WAIVER FORM

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PARTICIPATION COMMITMENT:

If your child is selected, they must be willing to make a commitment of their time and plan to attend **all** program events. Students must notify Council Liaison at least 24 hours in advance of a conflict with a scheduled program. **I understand that if my child fails to attend any activity for any reason, he/she may not be allowed to complete the program and the program fee is forfeited.**

I give the support and commitment for my child, _____, to participate in the Kennesaw City Youth Council.

I also commit to attend an informational parent/guardian meeting prior to the class beginning.

PROGRAM FEE:

A program fee of **\$400** is required to help offset the cost of materials, meals, lodging and bus expenses. Payment is only required upon acceptance into the program. There will be fundraising opportunities as well. Sponsorships are also accepted for your child if selected, this will be parents' responsibility. Please contact the Youth Council liaison relating to any potential need-based program fee assistance opportunities.

WAIVER:

I assume all liability and responsibility for any and all risks, injuries or death which may result from student's participation in the Youth Council, including but not limited to events, fundraising, extra-curricular activities, travel, lodging, any associated meetings, events, and activities. I represent and warrant that I know of no mental or physical condition that would make it unsafe for Student to participate in Youth Council, including but not limited to, events, fundraising, extra-curricular activities, travel, lodging, associated meetings, events, and activities. I understand, acknowledge, and agree that the CITY OF KENNESAW shall not be liable for any injury/illness suffered by the student which arises out of and/or is associated with preparing for and/or participating in Youth Council, including but not limited to, events, fundraising, extra-curricular activities, travel, lodging, associated meetings, events, and activities.



I hereby release, discharge, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the City of Kennesaw, Mayor and City Council and members of the Kennesaw Youth Council, and their past, present and future officers, attorneys, agents, employees, predecessors and successors in interest, and assigns, hereinafter "CITY" from any and all liability arising out of or in connection with Student's participation in Youth Council, including but not limited to, events, fundraising, extra-curricular activities, travel, lodging, associated meetings, events, and activities. For purpose of this Release, liability means all claims, demands, losses, causes of action, suits, or judgments of any kind that Student or Student's parents, guardians, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns have or may have against the CITY because of Student's personal, physical, or emotional injury, accident, illness or death, or because of any loss of or damage to property that occurs to Student or his or her property during Students' participation in Youth Council, including but not limited to, events, fundraising, extra-curricular activities, travel, lodging, associated meetings, events, and activities due to acts or omissions by CITY.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have carefully read this voluntary **PARENT/GUARDIAN/STUDENT COMMITMENT AND WAIVER FORM** and understand the potential dangers incident to engaging in Youth Council activities and are fully aware of the legal consequences of this agreement.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Relationship: _____ Printed Name _____

Date: _____ Phone Number _____

Signature of Student/ Youth Council

Participant: _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact _____ (Cell) _____

Home _____; Allergies _____

Physical/Mental Disabilities or Health issues _____

Date: _____

PLEASE RETURN THE SIGNED FORM TO:

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